



THE MOUNTAIN POST COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

December 1, 2011—Newsletter



Ongoing Initiatives:

Building Resilient Soldiers & Families

◆ Leader Focus

Resilient Families, Fiscal Stewardship, Standards Based Customer Service

◆ Operationalize the Community Cove- nant

WFCP, Comprehensive System of Care, Community Support aligned and mobilized through strategic communication

◆ Deliver Services & Programs within ARFORGEN

Request for units'/ Spouse input

◆ Advocate for our Military Children

Child & Youth Symposium, Adopt-a-School, Respite Care

◆ Support Survivors

Multiple SOS services



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- ◆ 6 Dec: WFCP & USAG Holiday Social, 1130-1300 @ SEC
- ◆ 7 Dec: Education Task Force Meeting, 1530-1730
- ◆ 7-9 Dec: Donated Trees for Soldiers, 1000-1600 (contact unit POC for vouchers)
- ◆ 8 Dec: ACS Volunteer Holiday Social, 1030-1230 @ ECC
- ◆ 9 Dec: March of Dimes Operation Baby Shower, 1000-1200 @ Hub
- ◆ 15 Dec: Fort Carson Volunteer Social, 1630-1830 @ ECC
- ◆ 16 Dec: Jingle Bell Run, 0700
- ◆ 16 Dec: Retirement Ceremony for Mr. Steve McCoy, Deputy Garrison Commander, 1300-1330 @ Division HQ, Rm107
- ◆ 16 Dec: Right Army Night, 1600-UTC @ Hub
- ◆ 31 Dec: Thunder Alley Black Light Show, 2100-2400 @ Thunder Alley Bowling Center
- ◆ 31 Dec: New Year's Eve Ball, 2000-0200 @ ECC
- ◆ 13 Jan: Fort Carson Ski Day @ Monarch Mountain

UNIT BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Task Force Ivy: Stand-down
 - ◆ 2 BCT: Partial early redeployment (400-500 Soldiers!)
 - ◆ 71st EOD: Still deployed
 - ◆ 10th CSH: Deployed before Thanksgiving
 - ◆ 52 Eng: In Recovery phase
 - ◆ 1-2 Atk: NOV pre-deployment; block leave this week
 - ◆ 13th ASOS: Some Airmen deployed/preparing to deploy
- A VERY special Welcome to all of our new FRsAs and Senior Leader Spouses, and a Fond Farewell to our valued members who are moving on...**

Garrison Commander COL Robert F. McLaughlin Deputy Garrison Commander COL John Keenan
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EVANS ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Holiday Clinic Schedule

26 Dec and 2 Jan—Federal Holidays—All Clinics CLOSED

23 Dec and 30 Dec—Training Holidays—**Primary Care and OB/GYN:**
0730-1600, **Specialty Clinics: CLOSED, Operating Rooms CLOSED**

Access to Care Line Phone Number CHANGE from

457-CARE to 526- CARE and 524-CARE

1-31 DEC 11: 457-CARE will deliver a message about the change but will continue to forward to CARE line operators

1-31 JAN 12: 457-CARE will deliver a message about the change but will not forward to CARE line operators

1 FEB 12: 457-CARE will be taken permanently off line

ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN (AFAP) ISSUES

Issue #1 Medical Appointments for Multiple Issues

Currently being worked at EVANS—nearing completion. Final disposition: January

Issue #2 Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) on Fort Carson

Plans initiated to establish DMV operations by 2013 (Soldier Readiness Center TBD)

Issue #3 Privatized Military Housing Rental Rates

This issue is unattainable at the installation level. It will be elevated.

Issue #4 Linens for Redeploying Soldiers

The word "linens" will be replaced with "bedding" due to DOL Regulations. No firm answer yet. Garrison Commander and the Garrison CSM are working it locally

Issue #5 Patient Centered Medical Home Concept

Recommendations from AFAP are in the process of being implemented at EACH and medical facilities across the Army. Final disposition: January

Top 13 issues will be discussed in *The Mountaineer* in a series of articles beginning in January.

Any questions, please contact the Family Enrichment Program Manager at 526-4590 or the AFAP Advisor at 526-8636

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

December

- 7,9,16—Advent Dinner and Devotions, PROV, 1900, Supper and Advent devotional program followed by family fun night games and activities, 526-2803
- 9-10—"Living Nativity" Drive-Thru, SMC, 2000-2200, Drive-through, family-friendly, live animals, re-enactment of the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, 526-5744
- 11—Cookie Café, SMC, 1200; Homemade cookies to take home. Donations received support SMC kids project to adopt a Fort Carson family for Christmas, 526-5744
- 13—Catholic Penance Service, SMC, 1300, 526-5769
- 15—Community Prayer Lunch, SMC, 1130, Lunch and short devotion, 526-5769
- 15—Soldier Family Ministry Forum, SMC, 1330, Forum with religious leaders from Fort Carson and Colorado Springs community, 526-5769
- 17—Children's Christmas Musical, PRUS, 1700 526-8278
- 17—Bethlehem Bash, SMC, 0800-1200, Family breakfast and children's holiday workshop, ages 5-10, registration required, 526-5744
- 17—Catholic Parish Christmas Potluck, SMC, 1900, 524-2458
- 18—Goodie Day, PRUS, 1100, Treats for all children, 526-8278
- 24—Christmas Eve Services: 1700, SMC, Catholic; 1900 SMC, Protestant
- 25—Christmas Day Services: 0915, SMC Catholic; 1100, SMC, Protestant
- 27-30—Winter Vacation Bible Camp
- 31—Watch Night Service, PRU, 2200, Traditional New Years Eve Gospel service program ICW fellowship social and special outreach to single Soldiers, 526-8278



O n - g o i n g P r o g r a m s

Tuesdays Protestant Women of the Chapel—SMC 0930-1130

Protestant Bible Study—SMC 1800

Knights of Columbus—2nd/4th, SMC 1800

Wednesdays Jewish Lunch and Learn—PRO, 1200-1300

Families of Deployed Soldiers Ministry—SMC, 1700

FC Youth Ministries Bible Study—SMC, 1800

LDS Bible Study/Fellowship Dinner, SMC 1830

Catholic Prayer Group—SMC, 1700-1800

Fridays Military Council of Catholic Women—SMC, 0930-1130

2nd Saturdays Gospel Women's Fellowship—PRU, 0900

Protestant Men of the Chapel—SMC, 0800

Sundays All Faiths Chapel Youth Group—SMC, 1430-1630

Catholic Youth Ministry (Soldiers of Christ)—SMC, 1200-1330

FC Youth Ministries—SMC, 1430-1630

DECEMBER 2011 – USO & BBC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BBC Mitten Tree Begins	2 USO Movie Night—Every Friday	3 USO Kids Crafts—Every Saturday
	5 USO Board Game Bonanza Each Monday	6 Family Bingo 5:30p	7 Stay tuned for Jingle Bell Rock Info!	8 Polar Express Movie Night 6p	9 Christmas Chaos (USO-sponsored)	10 USO Bears for the Brave Deadline
11	12	13 Santa Parade through Villages 3-5p	14 Come wrap your gifts for free at BBC	15 Holiday Lighting Contest	16 Jingle Bell Run 7am @ SEC	17 USO Holiday Party 1100-1330 & 1430-1700
18	19	20 BBC Toy Giveaway @ SEC 3-7p	21	22	23 Decorate Cookies at BBC 2-3p	24
25	26	27 BBC Kids Craft 1-2p	28	29 New Years Resolution Craft 1-2p	30 USO Movie Night—Every Friday	31 USO Kids Crafts—Every Saturday

Volunteers are always needed at the USO—pick up your application at the Center today! USOVolunteer.org

USO HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas Party

- ◆ Sponsored by Challenger Homes
- ◆ Catered meal by Texas Roadhouse
- ◆ River Dance performers, Cari Dell Trio, Miss Colorado, Shriner's Clowns and SANTA!!!
- ◆ Raffle prizes every 30 min to include: \$100 Visa gift cards
- ◆ Crafts and story telling
- ◆ A free gift to every child 12 and under

Dec 17, 2011 1100-1330
and 1430-1700

RSVP- Dec 14 719-579-9699

Jingle Bell Rock

- ◆ Rock Hidden on Ft Carson
- ◆ Follow clues posted at USO & Facebook.com/usofortcarson
- ◆ Prizes
 - \$1000 bedroom set
 - Flat screen TV
 - AFA baseball package
 - \$100.00 Michael Garmen gift package
 - \$100 Best Buy card
 - \$50 Papa Johns card
 - \$100 Visa card
 - Colorado Rockies tickets
 - \$3000 diamond necklace
 - And more!

Bears for the Brave

- ◆ Call (719) 579-9700 leave a message in the following format- Rank, name, Unit info, spouses name, spouses phone, then "my message is" (pause) "message" (pause) "end message". For multiple bears pause between each message.
- ◆ Bears given to spouses and family members whose Soldiers are deployed.
- ◆ Bears sponsored by Challenger Homes.

YOU ASKED, WE ANSWERED

Q. Can we get FRG information (such as “Pass It On”) on Thursdays to get out to families in time to plan for events that occur on weekends or Fridays?

A. The “Pass it On” is a compilation of information from several different organizations. Much of the information comes in on Friday, and we can’t really influence information coming in from off-post. Individual emails are sent for items with short notice, and then shared again in the “Pass It On”. We will also work on securing a new POC with our marketing channels to push

Q. Can I have the CIE slides emailed to BN FRSA to distro to families the day of the CIE?

A. Absolutely. Briefing slides can be emailed on a per-request basis to jean.m.chambers.civ@mail.mil the day of the CIE. Otherwise, they will be posted to the CIE website www.carson.army.mil/cms/infoExchange.html the week following the CIE meeting.

Q. What is the policy on the use of the SEC for redeployments ceremonies?

A. With only a few exceptions, redeployment ceremonies have priority at the SEC. While Holiday Village is set up for 4-5 days, Waller is an available back-up facility.

Q. IMCOM announced they would not pay for childcare at FRG meetings. Can you provide rationale or a reason why?

A. Unfortunately, our new fiscal reality does not allow for the additional labor hours at CYSS this year.



4th Infantry Division & Fort Carson

DIV FRSA 503-0025

Army Community Service (ACS)

Director 526-0443

Family Advocacy Pgm Mgr 526-4590

Army Volunteer Corps Pgm Mgr 526-1082

Family Enrichment Pgrm Mgr 526-0460

Exceptional Family Member Pgm Mgr 526-0446

Carson Cares 526-1949

Survivor Outreach Svcs 526-0442

Warrior Family Community Partnership 526-8747

AFAP

526-8636

7-9 Sep: AFAP Conference delegates needed

American Red Cross526-7144 <http://chapters.redcross.org/co/ftcarson>**Information:**

Main Office 526-2311

Hospital Office 526-7144

Wounded Warrior Programs 526-2311

Army and Air Force Exchange Services

AAFES Manager 576-6174

Army Education Center 526-4104**Army OneSource**303-818-6242, www.myarmyonesource.com

Free entrance to CO National Parks with DV ID

SJA advancements—pro bono benefits

Key Partnership Forum

Balfour Beatty Communities

491-8026

Information: There are a ton of Holiday events scheduled throughout December—check out the LIFEWORKS schedule today! Also, don't forget The Mountain Post Running Club every Wednesday from 4-6pm at The Hub.



BBC Santa Parade

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pikes Peak Region

457-8404

www.bebigpikespeak.org**BOSS**

524-2677, Office located at The Hub

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC)

Fort Carson Employment Information

Bldg. 1118, Rm. 161 (AF), Rm 142 (NAF)

526-6972 / 526-0478 /

526-5316

Colorado Military Family Alliance (CMFA)pcstvnsn@aol.com**Commissary**

Store Manager 524-9800x102

Customer Service Management**USAG Plans, Analysis & Integration Office**

Customer Service Manager 526-5638

<http://www.carson.army.mil/cms/>, <https://ice.disa.mil/>**Directorate of Emergency Services**

Director 526-1453

911 Call Center Chief 526-56115

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR)

Director 526-6452

Complete Calendar at www.mwrfortcarson.com**Child, Youth and School Services**

Director 526-1333

Construction./New Facilities 526-4188

Venture Point, Edge Programs 524-1472

Book of Programs 524-0655

Marketing Director 526-3161

Fort Carson NOW—TV show airs Sundays on Fox21 at 09:00 and CW57 at 09:30; method of sharing the Soldier and Family story with the community that they serve

Recreation Division Chief 524-0707

Sports and Fitness 526-2151

Directorate of Public Works Director 526-3415**Events and Entertainment** Coordinator 526-4495www.facebook.com/CarsonMWRvents**Family Readiness Center 526-5199**

usarmy.carson.forscom.mbx.family-readiness-center@mail.mil

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8

Superintendent 382-1310

Installation Care Team

rfmcl@aol.com

**Military Child Education Coalition/
Parent to Parent**

375-0548, Co_parent2parent@yahoo.com

Mountain Post Spouse's Club

MPSpousesClub@gmail.com

Pikes Peak Area Council of Government<http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org>

Military impact planning, Service Directory, Library, Social Networking, Legislate, Assistive Devices, Nationwide News

Protestant Women of the Chapel

pwocadmin@gmail.com, fortcarsonpwoc.wordpress.com

Religious Support Office 526-5279**School Liaison Officers:**

School Dist: School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited 524-2896

School Dist: 12, 20, Private & Parochial 526-3362

School Dist: 22, 23JT, 28, RJ-1, 60-JT, 200, Douglas County, 53JT 526-1071

School Dist: 2, 3, 8, 14 524-0642

Thrift Shop Bldg 6250, 526-5966**Information:** Tues - Thurs/first Saturday of each month
1000-1400**USA MEDDAC Fort Carson**

COL Jimmie Keenan, MEDDAC CDR 526-7500

Appointment Line: 524-/526-CARE (2273)

USO Manager 579-9699

1625 Ellis St., Bldg 1218

Information: Mon-Fri: 1100-2100, Sat: 1200-1800

Lunch: 1100- lunch runs out

- Mon: Texas Roadhouse

- Tues & Wed: Papa Johns

- Thurs: Buffalo Wild Wings

- Fri: BBQ by Perkins 2X/month/ hot dogs

Dinner: 1800- 2030, Hot dogs, brats or burritos

WiFi Internet Café, Movie Theater, TV Lounge, Snack Bar & Patio, Karaoke and Special Events, Gaming Areas, Xbox, Pool Table, Poker Tables, Conference Room, Children's learning center and more...

United States Postal Service 360-9667

Fountain Post Office 382-4625

Security Post Office 570-5450

Cheyenne Mountain Post Office 570-5472

VETCOM

Vet Treatment Facility NCOI 526-9841

Microchip and register all pets 526-3803

Next CIE**Thursday, 26 January****0930-1100****Location: The Hub**